

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, pending claims 1-14 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,578,864.

Both U.S. Patent No. 6,578,864 and the present application are owned by Cequent Towing Products, Inc. Accordingly, Cequent Towing Products, Inc. files herewith a terminal disclaimer, along with the required fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection and an indication that claims 1-14 are allowable.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejections and indicate the pending claims as allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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